



Kodiak Shredder @ your Library

Saturday, May 7, from 10 A.M.– 2 P.M.

The Kodiak Shredding truck will be at the main library. For a donation of \$10 (a large box) watch as your private papers are shredded.



You've Got Mail!

If you would like to receive the newsletter and other important library information by email, please contact the newsletter editor, Candice Michalik at candice.michalik@lynchburgva.gov

Honor and Memorial Gifts

The Friends of the Library have received the following gifts:

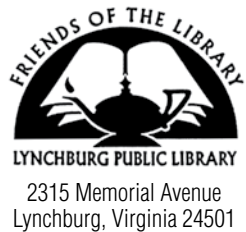
- \$50 In Memory of Andrew W. Hughes
- \$50 In Honor of Martha Sumpter
- \$40 In Honor of Lynn L. Dodge
- \$25 In Memory of Hannah McLay
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Youth Services Spring Programs

- March 17th-19th. Spring is Green Crafts. Come and make a craft that celebrates the color green. Drop in all day, every day.
- April 18th-23rd. Spring Break. Check out our website, Facebook and blog for information.
- May 5th-7th. Mother's Day Crafts. Make a special surprise for your mom and grandma or any other special woman in your life. Drop in all day, every day.

If you would like to honor or memorialize an individual with a gift to the Friends, please contact Cheryl Bray at 455-6330. You may specify what the gift is to be used for, i.e. books for adults, books for children, audiobooks, DVDs, etc.



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NEW
FEATURE

Patron of the Month Louis Robinson

Louis has been a patron with the Lynchburg Public Library since January 19, 2006. His favorite book is *A Place to Go, A Place to Grow: Simple Things That Make a Difference for At-Risk Kids* by Lou Dantzler. Louis's favorite genre is self development because he is always striving to become a better person. Two favorite things that he enjoys are 1) reading while listening to jazz and 2) getting involved with people. "I'm a people person." His favorite quote is, "Just try to do the right thing."

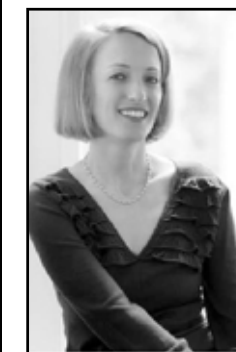


Louis is dedicated to giving of himself to our community. In addition to delivering Meals on Wheels he single-handedly got others interested in establishing The Boys and Girls Club of Lynchburg. Our community is a better place to live because of Louis and that is why we honor him as our Patron of the Month.

Watch for future Patrons of the Month on our website at www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary, Facebook and blog.

Friends' Spring Author Luncheon

Monday, April 25 at noon in the Community Room. Ellen F. Brown and John Wiley will talk about their new book, *Margaret Mitchell's Gone with the Wind: A Bestseller's Odyssey from Atlanta to Hollywood*.



Granted unprecedented access to GWTW records and correspondence, Ms. Brown and Mr. Wiley examine how a disorganized and incomplete manuscript by an unknown

Southern writer was discovered by a major New York publisher and became one of the most popular, profitable, and controversial novels in literary history. Cost: \$25.00 (\$10 is tax deductible). Call the library, 455-6330, to place your reservation. Bring a friend!



Library Celebrates 45th Anniversary

The library will celebrate its 45th anniversary on April 16. LPL is relatively young as public libraries go. Its founding is the inspiring story of a very diverse group of individuals who *made a difference* in their community.

Beginning in 1908, library service in Lynchburg was provided by the privately endowed Jones Memorial Library at 434 Rivermont Avenue. Mrs. George M. Jones donated the handsome building and the collections in memory of her husband; however, the library was legally bound by the wishes of its benefactress to serve only the white citizens of Lynchburg. Citizens of color had no access to a public library until the Lynchburg Public Library opened in 1966.

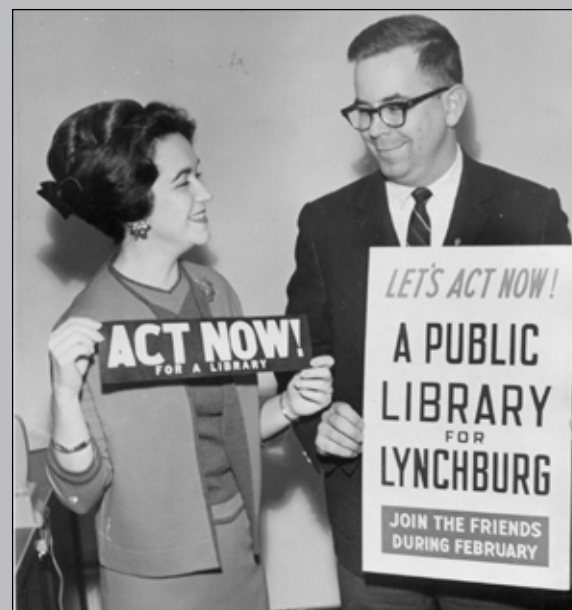
The Lynchburg Public Library was the direct result of the efforts of a dedicated and determined group of citizens who came together in the early 1960s to organize the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library, a 501c3 organization. Their goal was to convince City Council to establish a tax-supported public library open equally to all citizens and funded adequately to meet the needs of a growing community.

The first Board of Directors was a true cross-section of the community: they represented “old” Lynchburg and the “newcomers,” hundreds of families who had arrived in waves with Babcock & Wilcox, GE and other new businesses during the economic expansion of the 1950’s. African-Americans, business, civic groups, the clergy, and the academic community were represented on the Friends Board. The first President was J. Burton Linker, a GE executive.

A grassroots campaign was organized. The newspaper and other media committed to support the campaign. Scout troops, men’s and women’s clubs, churches and others were enlisted to canvass the city, door-by-door, enrolling members in the Friends for a dollar each. By 1964, the Friends had 5,000 dues paying members, an unprecedented undertaking. They were ready to ask City Council to establish a public library.

On March 23, 1965, thirteen prominent business and civic leaders spoke before City Council in a coordinated series of arguments for a library. It was reported that after the fifth or sixth speaker, a councilman threw up his hands, saying, “Give those people what they want!” The vote was unanimous.

Fortuitously, the State of Virginia had a program that provided “Demonstration Libraries” to communities without public libraries. Lynchburg had only to provide a building; the state would fill it with a 25,000-item starter collection, hire staff and pay all expenses for the first two years. The library opened on April 16, 1966, at 914 Main Street, with a gala celebration. A bunting clad bandstand was set up in the parking lot. Local dignitaries, U.S. Senator Willis Robertson and Librarian of Virginia Randolph Church spoke to a crowd of several hundred. The E. C. Glass Marching Band performed outside; the Dunbar High School Band was inside. All Lynchburg citizens had reason to celebrate.



Under the Tuscan Sun



The Lynchburg Reads selection for 2011 is *Under the Tuscan Sun* by Frances Mayes. The book discussion group will discuss the book at their March 16 meeting at the library at 1:00 P.M., and Ms. Mayes, an alumna of Randolph-Macon Woman’s College, will speak at Randolph College’s Smith Hall on March 28 at 7:30 P.M.

Guest Author Kathleen Grissom to Visit Library’s Book Discussion Group



Kathleen Grissom, author of the highly-acclaimed book *The Kitchen House* will be a guest at the April 20 meeting of the book discussion group. In 1790, Lavinia, a seven-year-old Irish orphan with no memory of her past, arrives on a tobacco plantation where she is put to work as an indentured servant with the kitchen house slaves. Though she becomes deeply bonded to her new family, Lavinia is also slowly accepted into the world of the big house, where the master is absent and the mistress battles opium addiction. As time passes she finds herself perilously straddling two very different worlds and when loyalties are brought into question, dangerous truths are laid bare and lives are at risk. For more information, visit Ms. Grissom’s website at www.kathleengrissom.com/thekitchenhouse.htm

The adult book discussion meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 P.M. in the library’s community room. Registration is not required, and dessert and beverage are served. For more information, or to reserve a copy of a book, call 455-6310. We hope to see you there!

Other books we will discuss are:

- March 16 – *Under the Tuscan Sun* by Frances Mayes (see **Lynchburg Reads** article above)
- May 19 – *The Justice Game* by Randy Singer



Donate Part of Your VA Tax Refund to the Friends

Virginia law allows taxpayers to donate voluntarily all or part of their state income tax refund to one or more qualified organizations. Virginia taxpayers will be able to direct a portion of their 2010 refunds to the Friends. Click on Individuals, then Completing Your Return, then Voluntary Contributions. The Friends’ code is 209701.

Mango Madness in March



March Madness usually refers to basketball fans who wait every year for the tradition, the excitement, and the upsets that make up the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament. Although there are many NCAA fans among the library staff, we are offering a different kind of madness for our patrons this March, **Mango Madness!**

What is Mango Madness? It’s our chance to introduce you to the excitement of learning a language by using Mango Languages, our **FREE** online foreign language service. During the month of March we encourage our patrons to visit the library and learn more about Mango languages. It’s fast. It’s fun. It’s free.

Staff will show you how to choose from a wide variety of languages or English as a Second Language. You will learn how easy it is to access full-length courses for free. And soon you will find yourself mastering basic language skills to use on a vacation or just to exercise your mind. And it has never been more important to learn another language than now, as the world continues to get smaller and communication is key to staying informed.

So come and enjoy the decorations and displays that we have planned to get you in the mood to travel whether on a plane or on the wings of your favorite chair. The entire library staff will be donning their Mango shirts on Friday and Saturday, March 18th and 19th to help add to the festivities.

Now there’s no longer any reason to stay at home when the world is right at your library.

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Monday, May 30
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